

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 written line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 written line 4, after the title, as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051540, filed July 19, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10334104.8 DE filed July 25, 2003, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading page 1 written line 4, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

--FIELD OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 written lines 4-6, as follows:

The invention relates to a method and in accordance with the preamble of claims 1 and 8 as well as to a network node in accordance with the preamble of claim 9 for reporting a dropped-out connection path within a communication network.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 written line 7, as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 8 written line 11, as follows

--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 8 written lines 18-24, as follows:

AnThe object of the present invention is now to operate a communication network consisting of a number of network nodes so that if joker links are used and if connecting links drop out, routing loops will be avoided.

This object is achieved by ~~a method in accordance with the features of claim 1 or 8 by a network node in accordance with claim 9~~the independent claims.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraphs at page 9 written lines 3-4, as follows:

Advantageous developments of the invention are specified in the ~~sub~~claims~~dependent claims~~.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 9 written line 15, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 9 written line 18, as follows:

--Figure 1 – a prior art arrangement of a part of a packet switching data network.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 9 written line 18, after the newly added paragraph, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--